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BY THE HONOURABLE MARTIN BURRELL,
SECRETARY OF STATE OF CANADA.

*To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the
same may in anywise concern.*

GREETING

WHEREAS, In and by the Companies Act as amended by the Companies Act Amendment Act of 1917, it is amongst other things in effect enacted that the Secretary of State of Canada may, by Letters Patent under his seal of office, grant a charter to any number of persons, not less than five, who having complied with the requirements of the Act apply therefor, constituting such persons, and others who thereafter become members in the corporation thereby created, a body corporate and politic for any of the purposes and objects to which the Legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada extends, except the construction and working of railways or of telegraph or telephone lines, or the business of banking and the issue of paper money or the business of insurance, or the business of a loan company, or of a trust company upon the applicants therefor establishing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State of Canada due compliance with the several conditions and terms in and by the said Act set forth and thereby made conditions precedent to the granting of such Charter.

AND WHEREAS WILLIAM GILLIES ROSS, Chairman of the Harbour Commissioners, FARQUHAR ROBERTSON, Merchant, MICHAEL PATRICK FENNELL, Junior, Secretary, DICKSON FRANK GLASS, Accountant, and HENRY JOHN HAGUE, King's Counsel, all of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, have made application

for a charter under the said Act, constituting them and such others as may become members in the corporation thereby created a body corporate and politic under the name of

"THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA"

for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and have satisfactorily established the sufficiency of all proceedings required by the said Act to be taken, and the truth and sufficiency of all facts required to be established previous to the granting of such Letters Patent; and have filed in the Department of the Secretary of State a duplicate of the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the said applicants in conformity with the provisions of the said Act.

NOW KNOW YE, that I, the said Martin Burrell, Secretary of State of Canada, under the authority of the hereinbefore in part recited Act, do, by these Letters Patent, constitute the said William Gillies Ross, Farquhar Robertson, Michael Patrick Fennell, Junior, Dickson Frank Glass, and Henry John Hague, and all others who may become members in the said corporation, a body corporate and politic, without share capital by the name of

"THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA"

with all the rights and powers given by the said Act and for the following purposes and objects, namely:—

1. *Generally, in affiliation with the Navy League of the British Empire.*
 - (a) *To assist in securing as a primary object of the Imperial Policy the Command of the Seas;*
 - (b) *To spread information showing the vital importance to the British Empire of the maintenance of Naval Supremacy, upon which depend its Trade, Empire and National Existence;*
 - (c) *To urge these matters upon public men and in particular upon candidates for Parliament;*
 - (d) *To collect, receive, invest and hold funds and property from voluntary contributions, subscriptions, gifts and legacies for the objects of the League, or such of them as the donors may direct;*

2. In particular:—

1. To conduct a thoroughly organized educational campaign throughout Canada, in matters pertaining to the Navy and Mercantile Marine, (a) by lectures, (b) by the circulation of literature, (c) by the placing of readers in public schools, (d) in any other manner which may be decided upon from time to time;
2. To raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian Sailors, for their dependents and for the Sailors' Homes, Institutes and Hospitals in Canada or throughout the Empire, as may be decided upon by the Dominion Council from time to time;
3. To encourage and organize volunteer Naval Brigades for boys and young men, in which they can receive practical and theoretical instruction in seamanship to prepare them for service in our Navy and Mercantile Marine, in salt or fresh water;
4. To co-operate with any kindred society designed to promote the welfare of British and Canadian Sailors;
5. To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects; provided always that it shall be a fundamental principle of the League that its objects, membership, management and conduct shall be absolutely unconnected with and free from all party politics and from every organization connected with party politics.

The operations of the corporation to be carried on throughout the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere. The chief office of the said corporation is situate at the City of Montreal in the Province of Quebec, or at such other place as the corporation shall by By-Law from time to time determine.

It is hereby ordained and declared:—

1. That the Membership in the said corporation shall be regulated according to the provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement filed in the Department of the Secretary of State and of any By-Laws which the League may lawfully pass from time to time.
2. The corporation may establish such Provincial and other local branches with such Provincial and other

local, general and executive committees as by the said Memorandum of Agreement and by any other By-Laws, from time to time, lawfully passed, may be provided.

3. *That the said corporation shall be carried on without the purposes of gain for its members, and that any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in promoting its objects.*

That the said WILLIAM GILLIES ROSS, FARQUHAR ROBERTSON, MICHAEL PATRICK FENNELL, Junior, DICKSON FRANK GLASS, and HENRY JOHN HAGUE, are to be the first or provisional directors of the said corporation.

PROVIDED ALWAYS that nothing in these presents expressed or contained, shall be taken to authorize the construction and working of railways, or of telegraph or telephone lines, or the business of banking, and the issue of paper money, or the business of insurance or the business of a loan company or of a trust company by the said corporation.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of Office at OTTAWA this twenty-eighth day of March, 1918.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.

Memorandum of Agreement

-OF-

The Navy League of Canada

Made this 16th day of March,

A.D., 1918

1. We, the undersigned, hereby severally agree each with the other to become incorporated, under the provisions of the Companies Act and amendments, as a corporation without share capital, for the following objects:—

1. Generally, in affiliation with the Navy League of the British Empire.

- A. To assist in securing as a primary object of the Imperial Policy the Command of the Seas.
- B. To spread information showing the vital importance to the British Empire of the maintenance of Naval Supremacy, upon which depend its Trade, Empire and National Existence.
- C. To urge these matters upon public men and in particular upon candidates for Parliament.
- D. To collect, receive, invest and hold funds and property from voluntary contributions, subscriptions, gifts and legacies for the objects of the League, or such of them as the donors may direct.

2. IN PARTICULAR:—

1. To conduct a thoroughly organized educational campaign throughout Canada, in matters pertaining to the Navy and Mercantile Marine.

- (a) By lectures.
- (b) By the circulation of literature.
- (c) By the placing of readers in public schools.
- (d) In any other manner which may be decided upon from time to time.

2. To raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian Sailors, for their dependents and for the Sailors' Homes, Institutes and Hospitals in Canada or throughout the Empire, as may be decided upon by the Dominion Council from time to time.

3. To encourage and organize Volunteer Naval Brigades for Boys and Young Men, in which they can receive practical and theor-

ethical instruction in seamanship to prepare them for service in our Navy and Mercantile Marine, in salt or fresh water.

(3) To co-operate with any kindred Society designed to promote the welfare of British and Canadian Sailors.

(4) To do all such other lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects; provided always that it shall be a fundamental principle of the League that its objects, membership, management and conduct shall be absolutely unconnected with and free from all party politics and from every organization connected with party politics.

2. The corporation shall be governed by the following By-Laws:

By-Laws

ORGANIZATION.

1. The League shall consist of the Charter Members to whom the Letters Patent incorporating the League shall be issued and of such other members as shall from time to time be admitted to the League under these or any future By-Laws of the League and shall be governed by a Dominion Council constituted as hereinafter provided.

2. There shall be Provincial Divisions of the League, constituted as hereinafter provided, which may be divided into Territorial Districts.

3. There shall be local Branches of the League constituted as hereinafter provided.

MEMBERSHIP.

4. All persons, male or female, signifying their approval of the objects of the League, who pay the prescribed fee, as hereinafter set out, or that may be otherwise fixed from time to time, shall become members.

Founders, Life.....	\$100 00
Members, Annual.....	2 00
Associated Members (without vote).....	1 00
Junior Members (18 years and under)...	25

No member of the League shall by virtue of such membership be liable for any of the debts or obligations of the League; and any member upon paying all arrears of fees or dues (if any) shall be entitled to resign from membership.

5. All members paying an annual subscription of \$1.00 and upwards, shall be entitled to receive the Navy League Magazine and also to receive Navy League Badges; a Silver Badge for the Founders and Life; a Gilt Badge for Members and Associate Members and a Copper Badge for Junior Members.

OFFICERS.

6. The Dominion Officers of the League shall consist of one or more Patrons, or one or more Honorary Presidents, a President,

Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or one person may hold both of said last mentioned offices, and shall then be styled Secretary-Treasurer.

DOMINION COUNCIL.

7. There shall be a Dominion Council composed of the Dominion President, Past Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and all Presidents of Provincial or Territorial Divisions or the accredited representatives of such Divisions who must be members of the Executive of the Division which they respectively represent.

8. All votes on the allocation of moneys or amendments of these By-Laws shall be limited to one vote for each Province or Territorial Division, to be cast by the President of the Provincial or Territorial Division or his accredited representative.

9. The Council shall annually elect a President from among its members, or the members of the executives of the several Provincial or Territorial Divisions, and shall also elect a Secretary and a Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer.

10. Notwithstanding that the foregoing by-law provides that only a Provincial or Territorial President shall be the Dominion President, it is enacted that the first President of the League shall be Mr. W. G. Ross, of Montreal.

11. The Dominion Council shall conduct the business of the organization, and in particular:

- (a) Shall direct and control all questions of the Dominion Policy of the League; and shall from time to time as may be necessary, declare what matters are within such Dominion Policy.
- (b) Shall receive and consider the estimates of the Provincial Divisions when submitted, and approve of the same.
- (c) Shall receive and administer all Dominion funds of the League.
- (d) Shall have the right to call upon the Divisions to supplement out of funds properly applicable for the purpose, any deficiency which there may be at any time in the revenues of the Dominion Council.
- (e) Shall determine annually what sum, if any, is to be sent to the Navy League in England, having regard to the requirements of the Navy League of Canada, and of its Divisions, for the proper conduct of their business, and may call upon the Provincial Divisions to contribute such amount, and shall fix the amounts or proportions payable by them respectively.
- (f) Shall select and appoint all Officers of the Dominion Organization, and fill vacancies.
- (g) Shall conduct all correspondence and business connected with the Dominion Organization.
- (h) Shall summon Meetings of either the Council or the League as a whole; and shall fix the date and place of such meetings.

- (i) Shall make such Regulations as are necessary for the purposes of the Dominion Council.
- (j) Shall approve and issue certificates to lecturers and speakers who may be appointed by the Provincial Divisions for the purpose.
- (k) Shall issue certificates of appointment to Officers and Petty Officers and Instructors of the Boys' Naval Brigades.

12. Any four members of the Dominion Council shall form a quorum.

12a. The usual Parliamentary precedents with regard to their procedure shall guide and govern the deliberations of the Dominion Council.

PROVINCIAL DIVISIONS.

13. There shall be a Provincial General Committee, composed of the Chairman of each local Branch, together with such representatives of Naval Brigades or Organizations as the Provincial General Committee may elect from time to time, who must be members of the League, and such active and prominent members of the League as may be decided upon, who may meet when summoned by the President of the Provincial or Territorial Division or District, in order to discuss questions of interest which shall be submitted to them for consultation, consideration, advice and assistance, and to receive and adopt reports.

14. The Provincial General Committee shall elect annually a Provincial Executive Committee composed of not less than five members of the League, together with representatives of such organizations as the Executive Committee may elect from time to time.

15. The Provincial Executive Committee shall elect their own President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer.

16. For geographical reasons, it may be found advantageous to divide a Provincial Division into territorial districts. In this event, the territorial district shall follow the constitution as to its management, officers, etc., in the same manner as laid down for a Division, and at the end of the year the territorial districts shall combine their statements with the Provincial Division so that the Province shall get the full credit for its work and contributions.

17. The Provincial Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Provincial Organization, and in particular:-

- (a) Shall direct and control all questions of Provincial affairs not conflicting with Dominion Policy.
- (b) Shall define the area of the jurisdiction of Local Branches.
- (c) Shall receive and administer all Provincial funds of the League.
- (d) Shall select and appoint its Officers and fill vacancies.
- (e) Shall conduct all correspondence and business.
- (f) Shall issue and distribute all necessary literature and publications.
- (g) Shall summon meetings of either the Provincial Executive Committee, the Provincial General Committee or the Pro-

vincial Division Members as a whole, and fix the date and place of such meetings.

(h) Shall make such Rules or Regulations for the carrying on of the work of the Provincial Division as they may see fit.

18. The usual Parliamentary precedents with regard to their procedures shall govern the deliberations of the Provincial Divisions.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

19. Local Branches of a Provincial Division may be formed in any community within the boundaries of the Province or Territorial Division, and shall consist of not less than ten members of the League. A Local Branch shall be constituted by authorization of the Provincial Executive Committee, signed by the President and Secretary of the Provincial Division.

20. When so constituted, the affairs of the Local Branches shall be conducted by a Chairman and a Committee of not less than three members, together with the Honorary Secretary, all of whom shall be members of the League, together with representatives (members of the League) of such organizations as the Local Branches may elect from time to time.

21. The Local Branch shall have power to carry on the work of the League within their local jurisdiction, and the funds received from subscriptions or from other sources, not donated for a specific local object (after deducting their expenses of organization) shall be remitted to the Provincial Treasurer.

22. All Divisions and Local Branches shall have complete autonomy in their workings, subject to their pursuing the objects and maintenance of the policy as advised by the Dominion Council, and to their conforming in all respects to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the League.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

REVENUES OF DOMINION COUNCIL.

23. The Dominion Council shall be entitled to collect and receive moneys as follows:—

1. Founders' Subscriptions from all Divisions and local branches of the League, received prior to September 1st, 1918.
2. All moneys specially donated for Dominion purposes.
3. All moneys donated for the general purposes of the League (which moneys shall be accounted for and credited to the Provincial Division in which donor resides).
4. All membership subscriptions received by the Dominion Council shall be accounted for and credited to the Provincial Division in which the member resides.
5. The contributions of each Division to the funds of the Dominion Council or for the Navy League in England.

EXPENDITURES OF THE DOMINION COUNCIL.

24. The funds may be applied as follows:—

- (a) In payments of the organization expenses of the Dominion Council.
- (b) In payment of the administrative and operating expenses of the Dominion Council of every kind whatsoever incurred in the conduct of its business.
- (c) In payment of Grants to organizations or to the Navy League in England of the sum set apart for that purpose from funds on hand, and from contributions for the purpose received from the Provincial Divisions.
- (d) In grants to Provincial Divisions.

REVENUES OF PROVINCIAL DIVISIONS.

25. The Provincial Divisions shall be entitled to collect and receive moneys and subscriptions as follows:—

1. Founders' subscriptions within their territorial jurisdiction, received on and after September 1st, 1918, which are to be reported to the Dominion Council.
2. Any moneys donated to the Navy League received from residents of the Province.
3. All subscriptions for the Navy League received from residents of the Province.
4. All other moneys subscribed to or collected by the Division in the conduct of its business.
5. All moneys donated for Provincial purposes.

All Provincial Divisions shall yearly, as soon after the 31st of December in each year, as may be practicable, send to the Dominion Head Office a detailed statement of all subscriptions and other moneys received during the preceding year and a budget containing estimates of expenditures to be made by the Provincial branches for the ensuing twelve-months, and the Dominion Council shall receive and consider the said budget and shall determine what amount shall be contributed, if any, to supplement any deficiency which there may be in the funds of the Dominion Council, and also what sum, if any, shall be contributed to the Navy League of England, and upon the fixing of such amounts the Provincial Divisions shall pay the same to the Dominion Treasurer.

The balance of the said moneys so received and collected shall be the property of each Division, and may be devoted by it for the conduct of its business and for the objects of the Division.

LOCAL BRANCHES.

26. All Local Branches shall yearly, or as soon after the 31st of December as may be practicable, send to the Provincial Head Office, a detailed statement of all subscriptions and other sums received during the preceding year, together with a detailed certified statement of accounts and a list of members, with their post office addresses, marking those who have paid and those who are in arrears.

27. They shall, at the same time, after deducting the expenses of the organization, remit all the funds not specifically donated for a local object, to the Provincial Secretary of the League.

DUTIES OF DOMINION PRESIDENT.

28. It shall be the duty of the Dominion President to preside at all Meetings of the Dominion Council, so also at any General Meetings of the Dominion Council, so also at any General Meeting of the League. He shall see that the General Policy laid down by the Dominion Council is carried out, and generally he shall supervise the business of the Dominion Organization.

29. In the event of the absence of the Dominion President from a Council Meeting or from a General Meeting of the League, a Chairman shall be elected from among the Provincial Presidents.

DUTIES OF DOMINION SECRETARY.

30. It shall be the duty of the Dominion General Secretary to see that proper accounts are kept, and he shall have charge of and carry on all correspondence, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

DUTIES OF DOMINION TREASURER.

31. The Dominion Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the League which may come to his hands, and shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and of all funds received and from what source and for what object, and of the securities and property of the League, and generally shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President.

DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT.

32. It shall be the duty of the Provincial President to preside at all meetings of the Provincial General or Executive Committee, so also at any General Meetings of the Members of the Provincial Divisions. He shall see that the General Policy of the League is carried out, and generally supervise the business of the League. In the event of the absence of the Provincial President from the Council Meeting or from a General Meeting of the Provincial Members, the Vice-President shall preside, or, in his absence, some member of the Executive Committee shall be appointed Chairman, who shall perform the functions of the President during his absence.

DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL VICE-PRESIDENT.

33. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Vice-President, in the absence of the President, to carry on the duties prescribed for the President.

DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

34. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Secretary to keep accounts of all the receipts and disbursements and of all funds received and from what source, and for what object, and he shall have charge of and carry on all correspondence, and generally do such duties as are performed by a Secretary.

DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER.

35. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Treasurer to have charge of all funds of the Province, and to keep all books showing

whence all funds came, and how disposed of, and generally do such duties as are usually performed by a Treasurer.

36. The same person may occupy the position of Provincial Secretary and Provincial Treasurer.

MEETINGS.

37. The Dominion Council shall meet at the call of the President or the Dominion Secretary, or any two Provincial Presidents, and shall meet not less than once annually, to receive and adopt the report compiled from the Provincial Division Reports, which annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in June. It shall be called at such place and hour as the Council may fix, provided always that at least two clear weeks' notice of such meeting may be given each member of the Dominion Council in writing or by telegram. Four shall form a quorum.

37a. Special resolutions may be prepared between meetings and forwarded to members of the Dominion Council to be signed by them and returned to the head office of the League, and when so received with the signatures of the members endorsed thereon shall be sufficient authority to act on the resolution until the same can be confirmed at a regular meeting.

38. A General Meeting of all Members of the Navy League of Canada may be called if the Dominion Council shall think it necessary, or upon the written request of any three Provincial Presidents, provided always that two clear weeks' notice of such meetings be given.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DIVISION.

39. The Provincial Division members may meet from time to time to discuss the Policy of the Provincial Divisions, and to transact such other business in relation to the Policy or administration of the Division as may be considered necessary and desirable.

THE PROVINCIAL GENERAL COMMITTEE.

40. The Provincial General Committee shall meet from time to time as convened by the Provincial President or Vice-President or Secretary, to transact such business as may be laid before them. (See clause 13).

THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

41. The Provincial Executive Committee shall meet at least once monthly, to transact all business relating to the Policy and administration of the Division.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

42. Special Meetings of the Provincial Division may be called by the Provincial Executive Committee whenever deemed necessary by them or upon the request in writing signed by five Chairmen of

Local Branches. In such request they shall specify the nature of the business desired to be transacted at such meeting, and no other business shall be undertaken.

43. In the event of the Provincial Executive Committee not complying with the request to call a Special Meeting within thirty days, from the date of the request, the requisitioners themselves may convene such meeting without further notice to the Provincial Executive Committee.

BOYS' NAVAL BRIGADES.

44. The Provincial Divisions may organize and encourage Naval Brigades for Boys and Young Men, and may render them financial assistance from time to time, out of the Provincial funds of the League available for the purpose.

45. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Naval Brigades for Boys shall be subject to the approval of the Provincial Divisions of the League, and the General Policy of the Brigades shall be determined by the Provincial Divisions and approved by the Dominion Council of the League.

46. The Standards of Instruction shall follow as near as possible that of the Navy League of England.

AFFILIATIONS.

47. The Navy League of Canada, through their Provincial Divisions, may co-operate with or work in conjunction with any other Society or Association working for the good and welfare of Sailors of the Navy and Mercantile Marine, and may make such arrangements therewith as may avoid, as far as possible, all duplication of effort and appeal to the public for funds, and may, out of the funds of the League, make Grants to such Societies and Associations for Sailors' Institutes and Homes, and their dependents, and generally aid such Institutions in their work on behalf of the Sailors.

48. Such Societies or Institutions receiving Grants from the League or any Branch thereof, shall state in writing the objects for which such Grants are required, and shall yearly send to the Secretary of the League of the Division from which such Grants are received, a statement of the receipts and expenditures, also a detailed statement of the expenditures of the particular grant so received, and shall also send a copy of the Auditor's Annual Report of such Society or Association.

AUDITOR.

49. At the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Council, an Auditor shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

50. At the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Executive, an Auditor shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

51. It shall be the duties of these Auditors to audit the Provincial and Dominion Accounts respectively. They shall be supplied with a copy of the Annual Statement and Balance Sheet, and it shall be their duty to examine same with accounts in the books and the vouchers relating thereto. The Auditors shall sign the report to the Members, and shall state whether, in their opinion, the Balance Sheet gives a full, fair, correct view of the state of the League's affairs.

NOTICES.

52. A notice may be served on any Member of the League either personally or by sending it through the Post in a prepaid letter addressed to the Member to his last known address.

53. The Provincial Executive Committee or any Local Committee may refuse to accept any person as a Member of the League, without giving any reason for their action.

ALTERATIONS.

54. These Rules may be amended or added to, at any Meeting of the Dominion Council, provided notice be mailed to each Member of the same and the Secretary of each Provincial Division, stating the nature of the alteration, at least thirty days prior to the Meeting, and when so altered shall be advised to the Provincial Division.

NO VOTING BY PROXY.

55. Voting by proxy in the League shall not be allowed except at the general meetings of the Provincial Divisions, when each Chairman of a Branch shall be entitled to one vote for every ten members of his branch in good standing at the end of the last fiscal year.

INCORPORATION OF COUNCIL, PROVINCIAL DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

56. The Dominion Council, the Provincial Divisions and any of the Local Branches, may be incorporated Societies or may hereafter become incorporated under the laws of Canada or any of the Provinces thereof.

SETTLEMENTS OF DISPUTES.

57. In the event of any dispute arising between two or more Provincial Divisions, the causes of such disputes shall be submitted for settlement to the Dominion Council, whose decision shall be absolutely final, and in the event of any dispute arising between two or more Local Branches, the causes of such dispute shall be submitted to the Provincial General Committee for settlement, and if such dispute shall prove incapable of settlement by the Provincial General Committee, then the same shall be referred to the Dominion Council for settlement and the disputants shall be bound by the ruling of the Dominion Council, whose decision shall be absolutely final.

SEALS AND DOCUMENTS.

58. The Corporate Seal of the League shall be of such design as the Dominion Council may determine, and, unless otherwise ordered by such Council, shall be kept in the custody of the Dominion Secretary.

59. All Documents requiring to be sealed with the Corporate Seal, except when otherwise ordered by the Dominion Council, shall be countersigned by the President or one of the Vice-Presidents and by the Dominion Secretary.

2. PROPERTY OF THE U.S. NATIONAL LIBRARY